

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant	:	Horst Leitner, et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 51 references which are enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Regarding the cited copending applications (nos. 09/817,897; 10/274,418; and [Attorney Docket No. AMERMOT.068A]), all of their currently pending claims are enclosed herewith. In addition, the cited and enclosed Publication No. 2002/0113400 sets forth the specification of no. 09/817,897. The enclosed specification of no. 10/274,418 also sets forth the specification of no. [Attorney Docket No. AMERMOT.068A].

Respectfully submitted,
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (IF APPROPRIATE)	
1	2,436,961	3/2/48	C. K. Gabriel				
2	2,575,615	11/20/51	W. J. Crump				
3	3,172,499	3/9/65	R. L. Stairs				
4	3,528,574	9/15/70	D.L. Denner et al.				
5	3,833,240	9/3/74	Weiler				
6	3,887,217	6/3/75	Thomas				
7	3,889,997	6/17/75	Schoneck				
8	3,957,284	5/18/76	Wright				
9	4,020,920	5/3/77	Abbott				
10	4,073,502	2/14/78	Frank et al.				
11	4,106,790	8/15/78	Weiler				
12	4,110,673	8/29/78	Nagy et al.				
13	4,116,457	9/26/78	Nerem et al.				
14	4,180,143	12/25/79	Clugston				
15	4,188,889	2/19/80	Favrel				
16	4,623,160	11/18/86	Trudell				
17	4,720,116	1/19/88	Williams et al.				
18	4,909,700	3/20/90	Fontecchio et al.				
19	4,982,974	1/8/91	Guidry				
20	5,085,450	2/4/92	DeHart, Sr.				
21	5,199,731	4/6/93	Martin				
22	5,257,847	11/2/93	Yonehara				
23	5,284,349	2/8/94	Bruns et al.				
24	5,286,049	2/15/94	Khan				
25	5,375,864	12/27/94	McDaniel				
26	5,462,302	10/31/95	Leitner				
27	5,498,012	3/12/96	McDaniel et al.				
28	5,505,476	4/9/96	Maccabee				

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29	5,538,269	7/23/96	McDaniel et al.			
30	5,547,040	8/20/96	Hanser et al.			
31	5,601,300	2/11/97	Fink et al.			
32	5,842,709	12/1/98	Maccabee			
33	5,941,342	8/24/99	Lee			
34	5,957,237	9/28/99	Tigner			
35	6,082,751	7/4/00	Hanes et al.			
36	6,149,172	11/21/00	Pascoe et al.			
37	6,270,099	8/7/01	Farkash			
38	6,213,486 B1	4/10/01	Kunz et al.			
39	6,375,207 B1	4/23/02	Dean et al.			
40	6,435,534 B1	8/20/02	Stone			
41	2002/113400 A1	8/22/02	Leitner			
42	09/817,897	3/26/01	Leitner			
43	10/274,418	10/16/02	Leitner, et al.			
44	[Attorney Docket No. AMERMOT.068A]	8/14/03	Leitner			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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						YES NO
45	934,387	8/21/1963	Great Britain			
46	4-339040	11/26/92	Japan			
47	63-255144	10/21/1983	Japan			X
48	DE 31 51 621 A1	28/12/1981	Germany			
49	403594	3/1974	Russia			X
50	G 89 10 933.3	13/09/1989	Germany (and English translation therewith)			X

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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)		
51	Camping World advertisement		

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